



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

*The Office of the Governor*  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

*WHEREAS, the Idaho Head Start is now in its 37<sup>th</sup> year of success in meeting the needs of children from low-income families; and*

*WHEREAS, the Head Start program has established itself as the foremost early childhood development program in Idaho; and*

*WHEREAS, to achieve its goals, Head Start is not only responsible for providing a rich preschool learning environment, but is also responsible for providing a comprehensive nutrition and health program; and*

*WHEREAS, ongoing health care for Head Start children is promoted through family involvement in the Child Health Insurance and Outreach activities; and*

*WHEREAS, Head Start assists families in obtaining up to date immunizations for all enrolled children and their siblings; and*

*WHEREAS, to promote literacy, Head Start recognizes the value of reading to children and encourages reading activities; and*

*WHEREAS, with the complex and shifting family structures, increasing family violence, substance abuse, homelessness and mental illness, Head Start has a challenge for strengthening the families of children enrolled in the program; and*

*WHEREAS, in addition to focusing on the needs of children, Head Start involves the parents in the education of their own children, in decision making for the program, and hires many qualified parents as Head Start staff; and*

*WHEREAS, Head Start program personnel recognize the remarkable strengths and courage of families as they struggle to provide the best for their children; and*

*WHEREAS, Idaho is the first state in the Nation to use TANF money to expand the number of families enrolled in Head Start. The contract with Health and Welfare provides services using the Head Start model to promote parent self sufficiency through family focuses services; and*

*WHEREAS, Head Start is a cost effective family focused program that has proven to save taxpayers four dollars for every dollar invested in the program;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim October 14, 2002, to be*

**HEAD START DAY**

*in Idaho.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord two-thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirteenth.*

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Pete T. Cenarrusa in black ink.

PETE T. CENARRUSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE